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FATAL PEDESTRIAN COLLISION WEST VALENCIA ROAD AND SOUTH 8TH AVENUE

On February 5, 2022, at 10:11 a.m., officers from Operations Division South (ODS) were dispatched to the intersection of W. Valencia Rd. and S. 8th Ave. for a report of a collision involving a pedestrian. Upon arrival, Tucson Fire Medics were tending to the pedestrian and ultimately transported her to Banner University Medical Center with life-threatening injuries. Traffic Unit Detectives were contacted and responded to continue the investigation.

According to witness interviews, the pedestrian was attempting to cross Valencia Road from north to south - when she was struck by a vehicle that was traveling westbound on Valencia. The involved vehicle was described as a 2001 Honda Accord and the driver was identified as a 19-year-old female. The driver of the Honda immediately stopped after the collision and cooperated with the investigation. A DUI Officer responded to the scene and determined that the driver of the Honda was not impaired at the time of the collision. Roadway evidence in conjunction with witness interviews determined that the pedestrian, a woman in her 70s, was not in a marked crosswalk at the time she entered the roadway. Detectives believe midblock crossing by the pedestrian is the major contributing factor.

On the morning of February 13th, Traffic Unit Detectives were notified by the Office of the Medical Examiner that the pedestrian had passed away as a result of the injuries she sustained. Her family has yet to be notified. The investigation is ongoing; however, it is unlikely that any citations or charges will be issued.

Fatalities Year to Date:

For 2021 - 7	For 2022 - 18
Pedestrian - 4	Pedestrian - 8
Bicycle - 0	Bicycle - 0
Motorcycle - 2	Motorcycle - 3
Vehicle - 1	Vehicle - 7

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